



Summary of Qualifications and Requirements for
INDEPENDENT NOMINATION
for the Offices of

STATE SENATOR

(20 Districts, Even-Numbered)
and

MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY

(80 Districts)

November 7, 2006 General Election

I. QUALIFICATIONS

Every candidate shall:

- A. Be a U.S. citizen. Cal. Const. Art. IV, §2(c)¹
- B. Be a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person. §201²
- C. Not have served two terms in the State Senate since November 6, 1990, if a candidate for State Senate; not have served three terms in the State Assembly since November 6, 1990, if a candidate for State Assembly. Cal. Const. Art. IV, §2(a)
- D. Disqualifications

A candidate is ineligible for nomination as an independent candidate if:

- 1. A nomination paper was filed on the candidate's behalf as a partisan candidate or a write-in candidate at the June 6, 2006 Primary Election for any office, and the candidate was defeated for the party nomination at the primary election. §8301
- 2. At any time during the 13 months preceding the General Election, the candidate was

¹ Article IV, section 2(c), of the California Constitution requires one year residency in the legislative district and three years residency in California; however, it is the legal opinion of our office that these provisions violate the U.S. Constitution and are unenforceable.

² All code section references are to the California Elections Code unless stated otherwise.

registered as affiliated with any qualified political party. The last day a candidate may be affiliated with a qualified party is October 7, 2005 if desiring to run under the independent nomination procedures in the 2006 General Election. §8550(f)

For purposes of Section 8550, the seven qualified political parties are: American Independent, Democratic, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, Peace and Freedom, and Republican.

II. REQUIREMENTS

A. CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE FILINGS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Any individual who intends to be a candidate for an elective state office shall:

1. Statement of Intention

File with the Secretary of State Political Reform Division a statement of intention to be a candidate for a specific state office (Form 501). This statement shall be signed under penalty of perjury and filed prior to the solicitation or receipt of any contribution or loan. Govt. Code §85200

2. Campaign Contribution Account

Establish one campaign contribution account at an office of a financial institution located in California upon filing the statement of intention.

- a. All contributions or loans made to the candidate, to a person on behalf of the candidate, or to the candidate's controlled committee shall be deposited in the account.
- b. Any personal funds, which will be used to promote the election of the candidate, shall be deposited in the account prior to expenditure.
- c. All campaign expenditures shall be made from the account.

Govt. Code §§85200 & 85201

3. Exceptions

- a. Parts 1 and 2 (b) and (c), above, do not apply to a candidate's payment of a filing fee and statement of qualifications fee from his or her personal funds.

Govt. Code §§85200 & 85201(f)

- b. Part 2, above, does not apply if the candidate does not receive contributions and makes campaign expenditures from personal funds of less than \$1,000 in a calendar year, excluding payment of the filing fee and statement of qualifications fee.

Govt. Code §85201(g)

- c. An individual who raises contributions from others for his or her campaign, but who raises or spends less than \$1,000 in a calendar year shall establish a campaign contribution account, but is not required to file a committee statement of organization or other statement of bank account information.

Govt. Code §85201(h)

B. FILING FEE

Full Payment of Filing Fee

Pay a filing fee equal to 1% of the first year's salary. Currently, the filing fee for State Senator and Member of the Assembly is \$1,108.80. The filing fee must be paid at the time the candidate obtains nomination forms from the county elections official.

§§8103 & 8105

Signatures In Lieu Of Filing Fee

Candidates may elect to submit a minimum of 3,000 valid signatures for State Senator and a minimum of 1,500 valid signatures for Member of the Assembly on petitions in lieu of filing fee by July 27, 2006.

§8106

1. Between April 28 and July 27, 2006, the petitions for in-lieu signatures may be obtained from the county elections official and circulated. Sections of petitions in lieu of filing fee shall be filed with the county elections official of the county in which the signers reside. §8106
2. The candidate may submit signatures to cover all or any prorated portion of the filing fee. §8106(b)(3)
3. Any registered voter may sign an in-lieu-of-filing-fee petition for any candidate for whom he or she is eligible to vote. §8106(b)(1)
4. Each circulator of an in-lieu-of-filing-fee petition shall be a registered voter of the district in which the candidate is running. The circulator shall serve within the county in which he or she resides. §8106 (b)(4)
5. Within 10 days after receipt of the petition, the county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency. The candidate shall then, prior to the close of the nomination period (August 11, 2006), either submit a supplemental petition or pay a pro rata portion of the filing fee to cover the deficiency. §8106 (b)(3)
6. Signatures in lieu of the filing fee may be counted toward the nomination sponsor signature requirements. §§8106(d) & 8405

D. NOMINATION DOCUMENTS

1. Between June 12 and August 11, 2006, obtain nomination documents from the county elections official. Nomination documents include a set of nomination papers for collecting signatures and a declaration of candidacy that must be executed by the candidate. §§333 & 8403
 - a. Upon request of a candidate, the county elections official shall provide the candidate with nomination documents. The county elections official shall not

require a candidate to sign, file or sign and file a declaration of candidacy as a condition of receiving nomination papers. §8020(d)

- b. Between June 12 and August 11, 2006, circulate nomination papers for signatures and leave them for examination with the county elections official of the county in which the signers reside. §8403

2. Nomination Signatures

Signatures in lieu of the filing fee may be counted toward the nomination sponsor signature requirements. §§8106(d) & 8405

- a. The nomination papers must be signed by at least 3% of the registered voters as of the last registration report prior to the preceding general election. See Attachments for the required number of signatures for each legislative district. §8400
- b. Signers must be registered voters in the district in which the candidate is running. §§100 & 8068
- c. Any registered voter who is a candidate may obtain signatures to and sign his or her own nomination papers. §106(a)
- d. The candidate may appoint persons to circulate the nomination papers. Circulators shall be voters registered in California and shall serve only in their district or political subdivision. §8451
- e. By August 11, 2006, the nomination paper shall be delivered to the county elections official of the county in which the signer resides and is a voter. §§8063 & 8403

3. Declaration Of Candidacy

Failure to properly file the declaration of candidacy will prevent the candidate's name from appearing on the ballot.

- a. The declaration of candidacy shall be obtained from, and delivered to, the county elections official of the county in which the candidate resides and is a voter.
- b. The county elections official shall require all candidates filing a declaration of candidacy to execute the declaration in his or her office unless the candidate, in a written statement signed and dated by the candidate, designates a third party to obtain the declaration form from the county elections official and to deliver it to the candidate. The written statement shall state that the candidate is aware that the declaration of candidacy must be properly executed and delivered not later than August 11, 2006 to the office of the county elections official from whom it

was received. Any person may return the completed declaration of candidacy.
§8028

- c. Between June 12 and August 11, 2006, file with the county elections official a declaration of candidacy which states the following:
- 1) The candidate's complete residence address;
 - 2) That the candidate is a voter in the precinct in which he or she resides;
 - 3) The name of the office sought;
 - 4) That he or she will not withdraw as a candidate before the election;
 - 5) That if elected, he or she will qualify for the office;
 - 6) That at no time since October 7, 2005 has the candidate been registered in California as affiliated with a qualified political party (American Independent, Democratic, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, Peace and Freedom, or Republican).
- §8550

E. STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

Each candidate must file a Statement of Economic Interests with the county elections official disclosing investments, interests in real property, and any income received during the immediately preceding 12 months pursuant to the requirements of the Political Reform Act of 1974, As Amended. Govt. Code §87201

This statement is to be filed between June 12 and August 11, 2006. It is not required if the candidate has filed such a statement within the past sixty days for the same jurisdiction.

III. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. Each of the forms mentioned above is available free of charge from the county elections official.
- B. The Senate has a membership of 40 Senators elected for four-year terms, 20 to begin every two years. The Assembly has a membership of 80 members elected for two-year terms. In 2006, candidates will be elected in each of the even-numbered Senate districts as well as in each Assembly district. The terms of office for both Senate and Assembly begin on December 4, 2006.
- C. Because of the requirements of the Political Reform Act, As Amended, a candidate should visit the website of the Fair Political Practices Commission at www.fppc.ca.gov for the most recent copy of the Information Manual on Campaign Disclosure Provisions of the Political Reform Act, which gives the filing requirements for reporting campaign contributions, etc.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This Information Sheet of Qualifications and Requirements is for general information only and does not have the force and effect of law, regulation or rule. In case of conflict, the law, regulation or rule will apply. The candidate should obtain the most up-to-date information available because of possible changes in law or procedure since the publication of this information.

Independent Candidates for State Senate
Number of Signatures Required to Place
Candidate on November 7, 2006 General Election Ballot

<i>Senate Districts</i>	<i>Oct. 2004 Voter Reg.</i>	<i>Required Signatures*</i>
2	480,670	14,421
4	508,456	15,254
6	405,729	12,172
8	465,948	13,979
10	377,814	11,335
12	349,460	10,484
14	456,182	13,686
16	267,694	8,031
18	405,400	12,162
20	262,563	7,877
22	212,991	6,390
24	294,629	8,839
26	346,479	10,395
28	426,457	12,794
30	295,327	8,860
32	281,080	8,433
34	273,439	8,304
36	506,998	15,210
38	455,505	13,666
40	335,234	1,058

*Independent candidates for State Senate need registered voter signatures equaling 3% of the previous general election's registration total in the district.

State Assembly -- Number of Signatures Required to Place Candidate
on November 7, 2006 General Election Ballot

Assembly District	Oct. 2004 Voter Reg.	Required Signatures*	Assembly District	Oct. 2004 Voter Reg.	Required Signatures*
1	255,244	7,658	41	245,125	7,354
2	236,094	7,083	42	258,617	7,759
3	255,719	7,672	43	190,757	5,723
4	279,073	8,373	44	221,097	6,633
5	247,394	7,422	45	126,266	3,788
6	246,513	7,396	46	87,043	2,612
7	220,553	6,617	47	205,766	6,173
8	222,147	6,665	48	123,243	3,698
9	188,450	5,654	49	147,220	4,417
10	243,367	7,302	50	119,965	3,599
11	201,894	6,057	51	162,045	4,862
12	235,009	7,051	52	123,109	3,694
13	279,611	8,389	53	246,285	7,389
14	251,867	7,557	54	224,947	6,749
15	274,938	8,249	55	168,139	5,045
16	216,261	6,488	56	168,390	5,052
17	193,403	5,803	57	160,480	4,815
18	197,557	5,927	58	170,154	5,105
19	226,017	6,781	59	236,330	7,090
20	191,496	5,745	60	225,511	6,766
21	260,795	7,824	61	142,818	4,285
22	210,761	6,323	62	134,163	4,025
23	163,149	4,895	63	213,551	6,407
24	244,095	7,323	64	225,959	6,779
25	234,964	7,049	65	222,630	6,679
26	199,205	5,977	66	211,205	6,337
27	244,941	7,349	67	251,707	7,552
28	155,521	4,666	68	204,341	6,131
29	220,440	6,614	69	113,056	3,392
30	133,112	3,994	70	276,096	8,283
31	147,882	4,437	71	245,552	7,367
32	224,746	6,743	72	205,603	6,169
33	239,026	7,171	73	230,710	6,922
34	169,974	5,100	74	238,230	7,147
35	234,941	7,049	75	257,075	7,713
36	193,139	5,795	76	258,351	7,751
37	242,755	7,283	77	237,400	7,122
38	237,310	7,120	78	233,846	7,016
39	113,935	3,419	79	160,477	4,815
40	170,515	5,116	80	180,201	5,407

*Independent candidates for Assembly need registered voter signatures equaling 3% of the previous general election's registration total in the district.